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Dr. Robert C. Hockett
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- USA, Inc.
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Dear Dr. Hockett:

I'm heartily in accord with the objectives of the project being submitted by David W. Cugell, M.D. Dr. Cugell has been in charge of the pulmonary section of the Department of Medicine and director of the pulmonary function laboratories at this Medical Center for 18 years. He has recently shifted his interest from the intensive study of patients with established disease to the evaluation of asymptomatic patients using newly developed tests potentially capable of identifying patients in a very early, pre-symptomatic phase of bronchitis and emphysema.

As noted in the application I am the principal investigator for the Chicago portion of a nation-wide study of how to best intervene in male patients with a high risk of developing a myocardial infarct. Approximately 900 high risk men will be followed for a period of six years. Methods for identifying this high risk group, and procedures for follow-up and periodic testing are well established and have already been used in several other large scale epidemiological studies.

I welcome the opportunity of involving the patients to be enrolled in this intervention trial for an additional worthy project. We are now in the process of having this project approved as an ancillary study. With both coronary artery disease and chronic obstructive lung disease occurring predominantly in middle aged males, these coronary-prone men are an ideal group for evaluating the significance of newer tests of small airway function.

The combination of Dr. Cugell's knowledge and experience in lung function measurement and our extensive organization for collecting clinical and laboratory data provide an excellent opportunity to secure meaningful results.

Very truly yours,

J. Stamler, MD.

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